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- Indication of Small Entity Status
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- English Translation of the IA filed on 07/02/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/02/2004
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/02/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/02/2004
- Small Entity Statement filed on 10/04/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/02/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/02/2004
- Substitute Specification filed on 07/02/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 07/02/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
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